

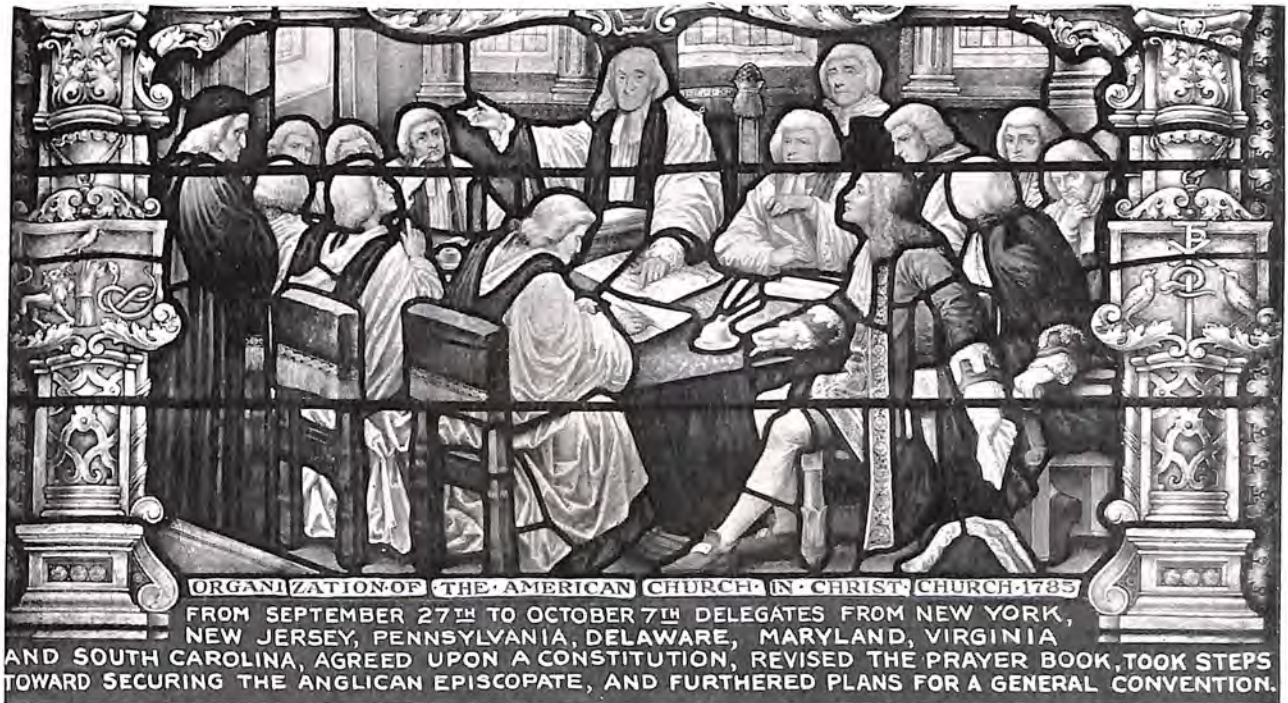
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 COMMITTEE FOR THE
 ENLARGEMENT OF THE FUND FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF
 THE EPISCOPATE, on account of the immediate and pressing importance
 of the campaign now in progress for raising the amount (\$500,000) under-
 taken by our Diocese as its share of the \$5,000,000 *Reconstruction and
 Advance Fund*, has decided to suspend for the duration of that campaign
 the program of active promotion recently adopted by it. This has been done
 in accordance with the expressed desire of Bishop Hart, in whose judgment,
 fully concurred in by the Endowment Committee, the campaign for the
Reconstruction Fund should be accorded precedence and be free from pos-
 sible confusion or adverse effect of active concurrent work for the Endowment
 Fund. The program for the Endowment Fund, now deferred, will be
 resumed when the campaign for the *Reconstruction Fund* is finished.
 Meanwhile, correspondence relating to the Endowment Fund addressed to
 Clarence M. Brown, Chairman, 1616 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 3, will
 receive prompt attention and, of course, during the interval unsolicited
 gifts and bequests will be acceptable and doubly encouraging.

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The Church News

OBJECT 1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

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161st Annual Convention

Rising from a chair once belonging to Bishop White, the second Bishop consecrated for the Episcopal Church (1787), Bishop Hart brought down the gavel which called to order the one hundred and sixty-first annual Convention of our Diocese. Delegates were assembled in historic Christ Church, the very spot where our Church was formally organized in the meeting of the first General Convention. That scene is depicted on our cover, which is a copy of a memorial window in the church. Christ Church is celebrating this year two hundred and fifty years of life as an organized parish.

Convention went through the usual routine of organizing and settling down to the business of making preliminary nominations and resolutions to be acted on the second day of meeting.

Mrs. Francis R. Packard, President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese, spoke briefly of the work of the Auxiliary's work during the past year and their hopes for the coming one.

The mass meeting in the evening was highlighted by the Bishop's annual address (printed elsewhere in this issue), and an address by William Fulton Kurtz, Chairman of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund (also described in detail elsewhere). This appeal for support of the work of restoring our Church's mission properties was supplemented on the second day of convention in an address by the Rt. Rev. Malcolm Peabody, formerly of this Diocese, now Bishop of Central New York.

Other activity on the second day included unanimous consent to the Bishop's request for the election of a Suffragan Bishop to help carry the great burden of administering the affairs of the Diocese. No election can be held until the formal consent of all other dioceses of the country is obtained to do so. The date tentatively set for the special Convention is June 26th.

Bishop Hart called to the attention of Convention a special opportunity for us to serve the general Church. The meeting of General Convention had been scheduled for October, 1946, in San Francisco, but war conditions have made it impossible to complete plans for it. After brief discussion it was voted to invite the Convention to meet in Philadelphia during the first two weeks of September next year. The invitation has since been accepted and our Diocese will, therefore, be host to the General Convention for the first time in about sixty years.

The only subject that caused any real discussion in the Convention was the motion appended to the report of the Department of Social Relations proposing the employment by the Diocese of an Executive Secretary for the department and an increase in the budget of \$10,000 a year to cover the expense that would be incurred by the establishment of such a plan.

The Rev. Felix Kloman, head of the department, presented the subject briefly and clearly, explaining that it had been discussed in the Executive Council and referred to the Convention for final action.

He then introduced Mr. Freas B. Snyder, who spoke in detail of the desirability of a trained Secretary to act as a co-ordinator of all the social activities of the Diocese. Such an official would not, Mr. Snyder emphasized, take over the work of the City Mission or administer any other social agency but would unify and develop our social work, prevent overlapping and duplication, give the Bishop an official personal representative in his approach to all the institutions of the Diocese, and carry on for him such temporary agencies as the War Commission, in addition to helping the clergy in the local problems of delinquency and social service. Other dioceses, he declared, have tried this: five, including Massachusetts and Washington, find a secretary for social work essential, while New York and Chicago are about to adopt the same sort of plan.

Mr. Snyder pulled out all the stops in his appeal, but the other speaker in favor of the resolution, the Rev. John W. Walker, in a brief, three-minute address, proposed a plan whereby the amount needed per year, \$10,000, would be raised almost painlessly by adding small amounts to our proportionate giving, running from 100 parishes at \$10 a year to six at \$250 a year.

At this point Mr. Spencer Ervin, a member of the Executive Council, offered a substitute for Chairman Kloman's resolution to the effect that a committee of five be appointed to consider with the Bishop all the administrative needs of the Diocese and to report to the Convention of 1946. He objected to lim-

iting action to only one of the departments of the Council at this time since all of them, in his opinion, needed to be overhauled and improved, else we could not go forward.

In the discussion on this substitute, Dr. Shreiner, speaking for the Department of Finance, and the Rev. John E. Hill for the Department of the Budget, both declared regretfully that, although the proposal for a paid Secretary was most desirable, it simply could not be done now without disrupting the budget and placing an onerous burden on the shoulders of the parishes. Both pointed out other urgent claims upon us which they believed should have precedence over this plan, such, for example, as increasing the disgracefully inadequate salaries of many of the clergy and giving more money to the City Mission and to the diocesan missions.

While Mr. Kloman evidently regarded this substitute motion of Mr. Ervin as a kiss of death and made a fervent plea for its defeat it was carried by a vote of 233 to 76.

Thus was postponed for another year at least a new departure in administering some of the work centered in the Church House. Though the Department of Social Relations were no doubt grievously disappointed in the temporary defeat of their plan, they may take comfort in the fact that they restored to the Convention one essential function of a deliberative body that we have largely lost since the advent of the Executive Council, namely the enlightenment of the public by extensive debate. We have a laity uninformed about diocesan business, and therefore only lukewarmly interested in it, because we have no spirited debates to spotlight our business and educate the public, as con-

gressional debates always spotlight a subject even if they do not throw a great deal of other light upon it. And while Mr. Kloman suffered the fate of many pioneers in not seeing his proposals accepted at once, he and all the others who took part in the debate have made many more people think about the matter intelligently than would have been the case if it had been settled *in camera* by a small group on the inside.

SPECIAL PRAYER

FOR ELECTION OF BISHOP SUFFRAGAN

Almighty God, the source of all wisdom: Direct, we beseech thee, the minds of those now called to elect a fit person to serve as Bishop Suffragan of this Diocese; Make all in this Diocese to be of one heart and mind in choosing one who may faithfully serve before thee to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Bishop of Pennsylvania

CLERICAL CHANGES

The Rev. Louis E. Fifer resigned as Rector of St. Luke the Beloved Physician, Bustleton.

The Rev. Leicester C. Lewis has resigned as Rector of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, to become Vicar of St. Luke's Chapel, New York City. The Rev. Philemon F. Sturges, Jr., of St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley, Mass., has accepted the call to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and will start his work there September 15, 1945.

The Rev. William Colin Lee, Litt.D., who has been serving as Locum Tenens at St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, has accepted the call to St. Mark's Church, Mt. Kisco, New York, and will start his work there June 1, 1945. The Rev. Walworth Tyng, returned Missionary from China, will serve as Locum Tenens at St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, beginning August 1, 1945.

The Rev. Albert F. Fischer, Jr., has accepted the call to St. Mark's

CONVENTION ELECTIONS

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Rev. N. B. Groton	William P. Barba
Rev. Franklin Joiner	William H. DuBarry
Rev. James M. Niblo	Spencer Ervin
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DEPUTY TO THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD (for unexpired term 1947)

Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox

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	J. W. Townsend, Jr.

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DIRECTORS OF THE CHURCH FOUNDATION

(Nominated by Convention)

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	L. M. Washburn

Convention approved the request of Bishop Hart for the election of a Suffragan Bishop.

Suggested names for this office may be sent by lay or clerical members to the Rev. Dr. Joiner, Chairman, or to Mr. William DuBarry, Secretary of the Special Committee on Nominations.

CHARLES H. LONG,
Secretary of Convention.

Church, Frankford, and will begin his work there on June 1, 1945. Mr. Fischer was formerly Rector of St. Matthias' Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Elden B. Mowers has been appointed Dean of the Cathedral of Havana, Cuba, and will begin his work there August 1, 1945. Mr. Mowers is Rector of Zion Church, Broad Street and Wyoming Avenue, Philadelphia.

The Rev. T. Leslie Gossling has been appointed Vicar of Trinity Church, Buckingham, and of St. Philip's Mission, New Hope. Mr. (Continued on Page 15)

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Bishop Hart's Annual Address

We are happy to have the opening service of this Convention in this historic church. There is something strangely moving about an old church. We are vividly reminded that we live in a moral order in which there is continuity and transmission of responsibility. The first General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America was held in this church in September, 1785. It included clerical and lay deputies from seven of the thirteen United States. Many of them were men who had participated in framing the Constitution. The first 29 conventions of the Church, except one, were held here, and Bishop White consecrated the first eleven Bishops of the Church in this historic chancel.

Reconstruction and Advance Fund

Mr. William Fulton Kurtz has spoken to you about our plans for the national Reconstruction and Advance Fund. It is interesting to note that the Archbishop of Canterbury and other church leaders in England have proposed that on V-E Day an offering be taken at all services for the reconstruction of churches in Europe and they have set a goal of \$5,000,000 for that one offering. They face the necessity for the reconstruction of some four thousand church buildings in England and they ask for a Victory Thank Offering for the reconstruction of churches in Europe. I would like to see all offerings at V-E services in this Diocese go to the reconstruction of our church work in the Philippines and China.

We have not suffered as they have suffered. In a real sense we shall need what they can teach us more than they will need what we can give them. But unless we share with them our check-books, we cannot receive in our hearts what they have to give us. Let's make no mistake about it this time. If all of our professed desires for a warless world turn out to be only the "mouthings of church people," it will be because we have been too selfish to understand those who, walking in the way of the Cross, have found it none other than the way of life and peace.

International righteousness and good-will are not simply a dream of



the distant future. Christian missions have long since made them real.

Friday I received a letter from a Chaplain in the Ninth Army. In it he said: "Do you have at home a real conception of the thorough-going business the Germans have made of the enslavement of French, Dutch and Belgium workers? Plenty of them have seen two or three years of detention. Undernourished and debased they give the impression of men and women who have become listless and defeated. It is really a tragic state of affairs—this sickness of Europe."

"I've been wondering about our Episcopal Church as far as rehabilitation and readjustment are concerned. I'd be greatly encouraged to know even a little of what is under way to re-educate and re-establish these many people. GI Joe feels the gravity of the situation as he talks. I'd like to be able to say to him what the Church plans to do by way of redemption."

Parish Program

I want to commend the vestries who are trying to plan as wisely as possible for the coming days. It is important that the work be planned, at least, on the vestry level. It is better, of course, if the work can be planned on a congregational level. The work among young peo-

ple is only one part of a well-rounded parish program but it is a most important part. Youth Canteens have been operated successfully in a number of parishes. In some instances it seems to me that the responsibility for this work falls almost exclusively on the shoulders of the Rector. In other cases the members of the Vestry or the Parish Council have assumed full responsibility and are doing splendid work.

Placement of Churches

The Church of the Holy Apostles sold their buildings at 21st and Christian Streets and has merged with the Chapel of the Mediator. I do not need to remind you of the wonderful loyalty of this congregation. To give up an old building with which they have many tender associations and still maintain their old loyalty is a very severe test. The congregation of the Holy Apostles has stood this test magnificently.

The change in location of this fine old parish brings vividly to our attention two things:

(1) The Church is not the church building. Many clergy in England whose church buildings have been destroyed, have found their ministry widened and made more vital.

(2) In the second place the cost of maintenance of a plant as large as that at 21st and Christian brought forth the fervent exclamation, "Blessed are the churches which have simple equipment." A parish, with great equipment, which has to spend so much on maintenance of buildings that it can only afford to give its minister a minimum salary, is much less likely to have a healthy life than one with simple equipment and a clergyman to whom they can give an adequate salary.

Holy Comforter, Memorial Chapel, 19th and Wharton Streets, was closed in the fall of last year. The Holy Comforter was established as a piece of extension work by a member of St. Peter's. I have conferred with the Rector and Vestry of St. Peter's and urged them to use the income from these funds for extension work, either in their own immediate neighborhood or elsewhere in the Diocese.

The Convocation of Chester has worked out a good plan for exten-

sion work in that convocation for the next five years. The Convocation of Norristown is opening up work at Oreland. We have succeeded in paying off several mortgages in the Convocations of Germantown and North Philadelphia and are working hard to reduce two large mortgages on which the Diocese has been paying interest for many years.

I want to pay special tribute to the members of the Phillips Brooks Memorial Chapel. Holy Trinity found it necessary to give up the support of this Chapel at the beginning of last year. The Phillips Brooks congregation have paid all their expenses throughout 1944 and to the present time, and are requesting this Convention to recognize them as a self-supporting Mission, to be called St. Phillips.

The following missions and chapels are asking admission as parishes:

Holy Sacrament Mission,
Highland Park.

St. Gabriel Mission, Feltonville.

St. James' Mission, Prospect Park.

Chapel of St. Simon the Cyrenian,
Philadelphia.

Chapel of St. Michael and
All Angels.

Confirmations

The number of confirmations during 1944 was 3,132. Sixty-two were received from the Roman Catholic Church, making a total of 3,194. This represents a healthy increase over 1943 but the number is still far too small. A layman has suggested that we try to secure 9% of our communicant strength, or about 6,750 each year. Nine percent is an arbitrary figure and is put forth as a suggested goal. The layman selected this percentage figure because he believes that by securing 9% each year we could double the communicant strength of the Diocese in twenty years.

Church News and Department of Publicity

I have discussed this matter from time to time in THE CHURCH NEWS and the reaction shows that some people in the Diocese do read our diocesan paper. Many more communicants of this Diocese should be regular subscribers. THE CHURCH NEWS brings to the whole Diocese, month by month, information that is needed if individuals and parishes

are to give whole-hearted support to our institutions and organizations.

One obvious way for the circulation of THE CHURCH NEWS to be increased is for all vestrymen and officers of all parish and diocesan organizations to become regular subscribers.

The Department of Christian Social Relations

The Department of Christian Social Relations will bring before the Convention a proposal which involves the addition of \$10,000 to our budget. I do not want at this time to discuss the merits of the proposal, but I do want to remind you of what is involved in your vote. In a Diocese of this size it is necessary to have an Executive Council to take care of the work of the Diocese but the tendency is for the Convention to duck its responsibility and refer all difficult problems to the Council with power to act. Our Diocesan Canons provide that no paid official shall be elected or his compensation fixed or increased except by the affirmative votes of a majority of the whole number of members of the Council. This would require twenty-two affirmative votes.

The proposal of the Department of Christian Social Relations is a major one, involving the whole diocesan structure. I earnestly request you not to vote that this proposal be referred to the Executive Council. The Executive Council has considered it and by majority vote of those present has referred it to the Convention for decision.

Candidates for Holy Orders

I want to share with you my deep concern about the calibre of the men who are preparing for the ministry. A professor at one of our largest and best seminaries made the statement recently that in his opinion the seminary students today were definitely of lower calibre than those of a generation ago. Men do not ordinarily seek the ministry for financial reasons but I am told that a survey in one of our seminaries showed that most students would gain financially by entering the ministry of our Church. I have no objection to financial aid being given to the seminary students but there should be many students from families who are able to pay all expenses. I know that there are families in our Church who give their sons the

best education possible in business, law or medicine. Why do not more of them furnish men for the ministry?

It is easy to state the problem. It is easy to criticize someone for our failure to secure the ablest and best of our young men for the ministry but nothing is to be gained thereby. Rather we should be thinking of what we can do to remedy the situation. I venture the following suggestions:

1. Every clergyman should impress upon his vestrymen that one of their most important duties—if not the most important duty—is to recommend a man as a Candidate for Holy Orders. A majority of the whole vestry must sign their names stating that they know the man personally and are convinced that he possesses such qualifications as fit him to be a minister in this Church. I have heard of a parish where the rector allowed the vestrymen to sign the canonical recommendation of a man whom they did not know. They did it with what seemed to be flattery of the rector—"I do not know the man but if our dear rector says that he is all right, I'll recommend him." Obviously this is not flattery but shows in what contempt such a vestryman holds the ministry. He wouldn't vote to take a man into his luncheon club or his golf club without a personal knowledge of the candidate but he treats lightly his recommendation of a man for the ministry. I believe that most of our clergy are careful about this matter. To allow a vestryman to recommend a Postulant whom he does not know personally would be criminal negligence, to say the least.

2. Laymen can help by suggesting to the ablest and best qualified young men in their parishes that the priesthood offers the chance for a happy and useful life. A line officer in one of the infantry divisions in Italy wrote me that he had discussed the matter with eight or nine of the finest young officers in his division. He is the last man in the world to try to use undue influence on anyone but he does feel keenly that the Church must have the ablest leadership or it will be by-passed. The vestry of an influential and wealthy parish (not in this diocese) asked me for suggestions to fill the vacant rectorship. They impressed upon me that they wanted the best. I asked them how many men their parish had sent into the ministry in the last thirty years. They replied, "None that we can think of. We

may have helped some man financially but we cannot think of anyone of our regular membership." Those men were leaders in the business and professional world and yet evidently it had never occurred to them to take an active interest in getting and training this "best man" for whom some day they would be seeking. Such a parish may have beautiful buildings, a huge endowment, excellent music and such things, but is a parasite, dependent on some other church to supply their leadership.

Committee on the Endowment of the Episcopate

On December 31, 1942, the Endowment of the Episcopate amounted to \$92,658.28. In 1943 a committee, headed by Mr. E. Lowber Stokes, secured additional gifts amounting to \$22,724.17. The greater part of this sum was the offering given at the Memorial Service for Bishop Taitt. In 1944 Mr. Stokes resigned as Chairman but has remained on the committee as Secretary and has continued to show great interest in this fund. I am deeply grateful to him for his fine spirit and interest. Mr. Clarence E. Brown was appointed Chairman. He has drawn up a splendid plan

for increasing this fund to \$1,500,000. The committee had set up an office at the Church House and was ready to push their work when plans were announced for the \$5,000,000 Reconstruction and Advance Fund. With a very real sense of disappointment, but with a fine spirit, Mr. Brown and his committee not only agreed to suspend operations for the time being but generously allowed their Secretary to assist Mr. Kurtz and his committee.

Suffragan Bishop

I have been working in the Diocese now for almost three years and I have come to see that one man cannot do all of the necessary administrative work and at the same time do the work that a Bishop should do. I hope, therefore, that the Diocese will be willing to ask permission of the General Church for the right to elect a Suffragan Bishop. Acting in accordance with Canon 40, Section 1, I ask the Diocese to elect a Suffragan Bishop. On April 11th, I ventured to tell the clergy why, in my opinion, it would be advisable for us to elect an older man. I shall be glad to explain to the laity my views on this most important matter if they desire me to do so.

BISHOP HART'S VICTORY STATEMENT

Our first reaction to the news of unconditional surrender in Europe must be one of sincere thankfulness to Almighty God. We should make absolutely clear to the world our determination to work for a politically integrated world community regardless of how we may differ as to the means to be used in accomplishing this result. We can be certain of this fact, that there are no rights without corresponding duties. To establish our economic and political life on the principles for which our men and women fought and died will mean that we must win the victory not only over Germany and Japan, but over the selfishness in our own hearts.

We realize now that, costly as the winning of the war with Germany has been, the winning of the peace will be more difficult. All the energies consecrated to the waging of war will have to be offered in the struggle for world community. Never has there been a deeper emo-

tional recognition of this need. Now is the appointed time for the United Nations to go forward in collaboration for peace.

REPLY FROM THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

*San Francisco, Calif.
May 11, 1945.*

My dear Bishop Hart:

Thank you for your letter of May 5th in which you extend your best wishes for the success of the United Nations Conference, and also express your interest in the maintenance of principles of morality and religion. The other members of the United States Delegation and myself wish to express our appreciation for your courtesy in making your views available to us.

*Sincerely yours,
E. R. STETTINIUS, JR.,
Chairman, U.S. Delegation.*

This is reply to resolution adopted at meeting of Convention, May 1, 1945.



Book of Remembrance

*The above sketch was made by
Mrs. Peter M. Madeira*

"The Book of Remembrance is a memorial in which shall be inscribed the names of the dead whom the living delight to honor by gifts to further the work to which they gave themselves in the service of God."

To enter a name as a memorial, a form of record may be found in the office of the

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which, when filled out and accompanied by a memorial gift of any amount (checks should be drawn to Book of Remembrance) may be returned to the office addressed to Book of Remembrance. An additional \$2.00 covers cost of inscribing name in the Book.

MRS. BECKETT DIES

Mrs. Elizabeth (Munshower) Beckett, widow of the late Rev. Robert M. Beckett, sometime Vicar of St. Aidan Chapel, Cheltenham, died in the Episcopal Hospital on March 31st, where she had been a patient since Thanksgiving Day.

Gloria Dei Celebrates



Gloria Dei, venerable landmark of first civilized culture on the Delaware, situated on Delaware Avenue and Christian Street, will commemorate the 100th anniversary of her entrance into the Diocese with several events of diocesan interest this spring.

Assuming her rightful position as a bulwark of a long and hazardous witness to the faith once and for all delivered to the Saints, she enters upon another phase of development and expansion.

It was in 1845 that Bishop Onderdonk received the petition of the Swedish congregation, then two centuries old and English-speaking, that they be admitted into the convention of the Episcopal Diocese. A rich history of pioneer missionary efforts among the Indians, of ministrations to the early settlers of our good land, of contributions to culture and of perilous adventures in the life of the early colony preceded her admission into the Episcopal Diocese.

Then began her ministry to the mid-Victorian Age which was equally vivid and challenging. The virgin forest in which she had been built had become the haven for emigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe. A water-front parish, she



had stood through successive waves of foreign infiltration until she seemed hemmed in on all sides by railroad and shipping on the river, the factories to the south and north and the slums to the west.

Struthers Burt says of her in *Philadelphia: Holy Experiment*, "To

find Gloria Dei you have to pass through some of the most dejected slums in the world until there it sits, church and close and graveyard, like a jewel in a toad's head."

Last July a devastating fire gutted out most of the surrounding industrials, and only a favorable wind of God spared the ancient shrine and its graveyard.

Meanwhile, the declaration of the Federal Government that Gloria Dei be designated a National Shrine had been consummated. This made it possible to have the area upon which the factories stood, which was government property, assigned to the Church for administration.

It should be noted, however, that the status of Gloria Dei as a parish and its responsibilities to the Diocese and General Church remain unchanged. The designation as a National Shrine does not imply financial assistance. Only an act of Congress can make that possible.

In announcing plans for further preservation and restoration, the present rector, the Rev. John Craig Roak, emphasizes three broad ave-

nues of service.

First, the parochial life and the administrations necessary for some three hundred and ninety-eight souls. Second, the community life and the opportunities to render all kinds of social service to the water-front people. Third, the historical

interest which brings thousands of visitors, students and historical societies to this ancient site during the course of each year.

Events planned for this 100th anniversary year will emphasize the consummation of these plans so that the oldest Church in Pennsylvania may continue to serve her Lord in an ever-changing neighborhood and an ever-changing world.

Sunday afternoon, May 13th, the Boy Scouts of South Philadelphia held their annual service, when medals of recognition for good citizenship were awarded by the Quaker City Chapter of the D. A. R. The Rev. Arthur Murray was the preacher.

On Saturday, May 26th, the 12th Annual Historical Garden Fete was presented in the old churchyard. Last year twelve hundred people attended and saw events of the colorful history of the church portrayed in pantomime before the ancient oak doors, while early American orchestra music accompanied. Supper, tea, and luncheon were served on the brick court about the Rectory and the Guild House. Swedish dances and a May Pole highlighted activity in the churchyard. An exhibit of the church's treasures was prepared in the Parish Hall.

The following day, Sunday, May 27th, the Business and Professional Men's Group of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America presented the church with a fifty-foot flag pole at a memorial service. The Mayor and other city officials attended.

Sunday, June 3rd, marks the two hundred and forty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the present church edifice. Fitting services have been planned. Bishop Hart will be the celebrant at the 11 o'clock service and the Rev. Evald Lawson, of Upsala College, will preach the sermon.

The Girls' Friendly Society of the Diocese will culminate these events with a Garden Party to be held in the churchyard on Saturday, June 9th, proceeds of which will go towards their work.

Thus Gloria Dei stands today mindful of the great challenge laid down by her founders . . . the early Swedish settlers, who named her and gave her so high a cause, viz., to glorify God. As she celebrates this 100th anniversary of admission into the Diocese, she looks forward to further channels of service in the post-war era of Philadelphia's development.

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, Editor

A "Breakfast in Hollywood" program was recently held with great success at Trinity Church, Collingdale. The Convocation of Chester met there on May 22nd, when the Vicar related the splendid work accomplished by the people of this church.

The late Ella A. Crease, in her will, made substantial bequests to the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets; St. Alban's Church, Roxborough; St. David's Church, Manayunk; the Episcopal Hospital; James C. Smith Home, Oakburne; House of Rest, Germantown; Home of the Merciful Saviour.

The Chester Valley Grange attended service at St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley when two memorial trees were planted in memory of the Rev. Jules Prevost, former Rector, and Mr. John Kent Kane, former Vestryman. Both had served as Masters of the Grange.

During the summer the congregation of St. Matthew's Church is working for the 120th Anniversary Offering, to be used for the painting of the church.

Amplifiers in the Parish House of St. Asaph's Church, Bala-Cynwyd, took care of the overflow congregations on Palm Sunday and Easter Day. About one hundred persons

beyond the capacity of the pews in the church were thus accommodated.

The Rev. James M. Collins, of the City Mission, supplied the services at St. John's Church, Lansdowne, during the recent absence of the Rector.

Bishop Harris, of Liberia, spoke at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on Whitsunday, May 13th, and in Holy Trinity on May 27th.

A Sanctuary Gate, in memory of Edward Bramwell Thomas, was dedicated by Bishop Roberts at St. John's Church, Cynwyd, on March 25th. The gate commemorates the first choir boy in the parish, who died in 1904 at the age of twelve years.

The Sunday School and Parish Picnic of the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, will be held at Riverview Beach Park on June 9th. The trip will be made by boat on the Delaware River.

Mr. Richard B. Parker, who recently died, served as a Vestryman at All Saints' Church, Crescentville, for several years.

St. Mark's Church, Frankford, maintains a Parish Library, under the arrangement of the Vestry. Serious volumes on Church history, doctrine, customs, etc., are made available to all parishioners of all ages.

The Rev. Charles E. Tuke, D.D., recently addressed the Junior Church of St. John's, Lansdowne, on "What We Can Believe."

Mr. Kurt Traub, Accounting Warden of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, has written a mimeographed book telling of things that it takes a new Vestryman a long time to learn ordinarily. The funds of the parish, the work of various organizations, responsibilities of Vestrymen, etc., all related to this particular parish. When a new Vestryman is elected this information is now available.

An electrical recording of a special musical service at Trinity
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Attention!

OVERSEAS SUBSCRIBERS

This is the last issue we may send out of the country except by *written request* from the person wishing to receive THE CHURCH NEWS. This is a new Navy Department ruling and applies to all personnel, even Chaplains, of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. If you are overseas and want THE CHURCH NEWS sent as usual, you must ask for it in writing. No one can make the request for you. Our next issue will be the October one.

War Commission



SERVICE CLUB BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

St. Stephen's Service Club celebrated its second anniversary on Thursday, April 12th. In the afternoon, the Board of Managers was host to the Clergy of the Diocese, the commanding officers of the various military units stationed in the city, U. S. O. leaders and many of the loyal volunteers who have been the backbone of the Club during its short but active life. An excellent orchestra from the Ship Repair Unit at the Navy Yard provided music while the reception was in progress and, when floor space was available, the young people danced.

Mrs. Lee, the Chairman of the Board, spoke briefly of the accomplishments of the past two years and the plans for the future. She thanked all those who had worked so faithfully to make the Club the success that it is. Mrs. Lee introduced the Bishop, who added his appreciation and thanks to hers and then cut the cake with its two gleaming candles. St. Stephen's Service Club was launched on its third year.

In the evening, a formal dance was held at the Club, for which the Navy Band played. This was enjoyed by many of the service men, who had been on duty in the after-

noon and were unable to attend the earlier festivities. The news of the death of President Roosevelt made the young people quieter than they usually are at a formal dance and, as the evening wore on, it was decided to close the Club earlier than had been planned. The Rev. Herbert W. Jones, who was the Chaplain for the day, announced the decision and said a few appropriate words and prayers. With deep feeling, the young people sang the Star Spangled Banner and went quietly home.

The sailor, who is shown in the photograph with the Bishop and Mrs. Lee, has become so devoted to the Club that he volunteered to do all the decorations for special events during the past months. His work for the Anniversary cost him three precious evenings of liberty but the results were commented on and admired by the guests. His devotion is more apparent because of his talents but is no greater than many, many other service men and women who use the Club as their home while they are stationed in Philadelphia. Their thanks, often unspoken, are a great satisfaction to all the volunteers, who work so faithfully and tirelessly at St. Stephen's Service Club.

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GOLD STAR CORNER

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NOTE—The above list represents only the names forwarded to the Bishop by the clergy.

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Chaplain Percy G. Hall, former Rector of St. Martin's Church, Oak Lane, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre by the Chief of Staff of the French Army.

Chaplain C. Herbert Reese, formerly of St. Matthew's Church, has been awarded the Silver Star by the United States Army.

The Christian Challenge

When the Japanese armies burned and blasted their way through the great cities of China, when they leveled the compounds, villages and towns of the Philippines, they aimed at more than the obliteration of the outward evidence of western civilization. Implicit in the violent and treacherous nature of their assault is the fanatic need to annihilate forever the force they felt behind Occidental culture—the never-ceasing power of Christ. With every school and hospital destroyed, every cathedral and chapel wrecked, paganism flung its challenge at the Church. One of the most stirring events of our Diocesan Convention pictured the answer to that challenge, showed the share our Episcopal Church has taken and the part this Diocese will play.

Speaking before the evening session of the Convention at Old Christ Church on April 30th, Mr. William Fulton Kurtz, at the request of Bishop Hart, outlined the program of the Church's Reconstruction and Advance Fund. Recalling that General Convention had accepted participation in the work at its 1943 session, he said:

"The National Convention last October endorsed a campaign for funds and later set a minimum goal of \$5,000,000 for the Episcopal Church in America. That sum is doubtless inadequate but the Church has high hopes that the nationals in China and the Philippines will bear their full share of the burden of reconstruction.

Goals of Other Denominations

"Five million dollars is a substantial sum but it's just about the amount our government has been spending on war every 25 minutes. Again, five million dollars does not loom so large with some \$35,000,000 raised by the Methodist Church and a \$20,000,000 program for the Presbyterian Church."

Mr. Kurtz pointed out that this was not the ordinary appeal for missions, whose regular funds will continue to come through the Every Member Canvass; that there would be no conflict with other denominations, and that the Church plans no similar campaign for at least five years.

"It is a Capital Fund," he said, "to rebuild our churches, our hospitals, our schools, in the Philip-

pinas and in China, so far as we now know, wantonly and largely destroyed by the Japanese. Further, a small part of the fund will be used for our Church's facilities for work among the Southern Negroes (parenthetically the migration of the Negro to the North and West makes that work still more imperative) and a still smaller part for facilities in Latin America.

Our Quota—\$500,000

"Of the total of \$5,000,000, our Diocese has assumed a quota of 10%, or \$500,000. The historical record gave no promise of raising such an amount by a general church appeal. If we were to succeed it seemed to us that a special appeal to persons of means, a careful exposition of the need of our high cause was imperative; even then we are faced with the necessity for many substantial gifts. Some understanding of our problem may be had from the following schedule of what it might take to reach our goal:

4 gifts of \$25,000.....	\$100,000
5 " " 10,000.....	50,000
15 " " 5,000.....	75,000
10 " " 2,500.....	25,000
20 " " 2,000.....	40,000
50 " " 1,000.....	50,000
100 " " 500.....	50,000
50 " " 250.....	12,500
200 " " 100.....	20,000
454	\$472,500

"We are presently concerned with raising upwards of \$400,000 of the amount our Diocese has assumed in a Special Advance Gift effort now being organized. It is to solicit a selected list of some 2,000 prospects who can reasonably be expected to give \$100 and upwards. In the preparation of that list, the Rectors of our parishes have given wholehearted co-operation.

"The balance of our quota is to be covered by an appeal through the parishes to be conducted this November."

The Diocesan Campaign Committee was announced as follows:

Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, S.T.D.,
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Each Convocation-Chairman has chosen Vice-Chairmen according to his needs and that Convocation group is charged with setting up in each parish a team captain with workers sufficient in number adequately to cover the prospect cards of that parish. It is largely at this parish level that the campaign will succeed or fail. The special gift campaign officially commences June 1st and ends June 30th; in the parish lies the job for the best talent in each church.

Supporting the leaders are the Deans of the Convocations, the Clergy, and a group of about 100 laymen. The enthusiastic response to the church's appeal, a response which has been almost startling in its universality, is probably best summed up in the words of Executive Chairman Ringe at an early meeting of the laymen's group.

"This is the first opportunity," Mr. Ringe said, "for the best of the lay strength of the Diocese to get behind the work of the Church under the new and inspiring leadership of Oliver Hart. This is our opportunity to demonstrate to him that we are glad that he is here, that we are proud to have him as our Bishop and that we will give to the church which he so well represents the best that we have so that he too may be proud of the people who comprise his Diocese."

No Easy Task

The goal cannot be reached without effort as Mr. Kurtz pointed out in his talk.

"So you see," he said, "you and I have a job on our hands. Perhaps if we keep in mind the job our lads have in the Philippines and China our little extra-curricular effort will not loom so large. What a wonderful memorial to those men who will

never come back from the Pacific area such gifts might be."

But the awful, frightening results of a society which turns its back on God have been only too evident.

"We have had ample evidence," said Mr. Kurtz, "more than ample proof, that a Godless society just will not work, that a Godless civilization is no civilization at all. And we have learned that in those countries in which we have a free and active Christian Church there is a better and a happier society.

"No one of us can yet appraise the tremendous significance of what has happened and is happening in China and the Philippines. Bear in mind that the leaders in those countries were trained in Christian schools made possible by America's gifts. Both leaderships and the vast majority of their nationals have spurned the seductive ideologies of the Japanese and spurned them under unbelievable pressure and oppression. Think what our task might well be if those four or five hundred million people had renounced the ideals of western civilization and joined in a Pan-Asiatic sphere of influence dominated by the Japanese.

Our Finest Investment

"I venture to say that the few millions of dollars invested by the Christian churches for work in the Far East have paid and will continue to pay dividends far beyond our comprehension.

"If we do succeed, *and we must*, we shall have done three things. First, we shall have led the way and given heart to our Church across the country since we are the first to begin our campaign. Second, we shall have paid proper tribute to the high leadership of our Bishop. And finally, we shall have helped to answer David's prayer that 'Thy way may be known upon earth—Thy saving health among all nations'."

VICTORY CELEBRATION BOTH HAPPY AND SOLEMN

The "Victory in Europe" Day celebrations may well serve as the pattern for celebration of total victory. At St. James' Church, Kingessing, there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 12:05 noon. The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Independence Day were used. The Rector, in a brief ad-

dress, reminded the congregation that "Eucharist" means "thankfulness." "This eucharistic service is offered to God in thankful remembrance of Our Lord's life, death, and resurrection. Our Lord and His Kingdom comprehend for us both the ideals and the hopes that we hold for the peace to come."

In the evening at 8 o'clock the service was "Vision After Victory," published by the National Council. A brief address followed in which the Rector suggested that each person send his copy of the service to a member of the armed forces telling them about the occasion. Following the service nearly all of the two hundred worshippers went to the Parish House to spend the remainder of the evening in fellowship and fun. A program of games and dances had been planned, but everyone was pleased to confine most of his activities to square dancing. Refreshments were served, and everyone went home feeling that "V-E Day" had been a happy as well as a solemn occasion.

BISHOP AND MRS. ROBERTS ACKNOWLEDGE "THANKS"

May 8, 1945.

"We have received a copy of the resolution about ourselves passed by the Diocesan Convention May 1st, and thank you all most heartily for your generous sentiments. It has been a happy year for us in Philadelphia, as happy a year as one could have in the midst of a world war, and we would like Bishop and Mrs. Hart and all of you to know how greatly we appreciate your many kindnesses to us. Our Missionary District of Shanghai owes a great deal to you for sending us some of our best workers, and we congratulate you on being in the forefront of all the Dioceses in giving for Missions and in many other good works. The unfinished task is so great, however, that there is a very clear call to us all to greater faith and devotion than ever before. May God bless all His people throughout the world and make them a leaven for good-will and peace among all the nations. Send us out more workers for the post-war period, and after we get "reconstructed" a little, come out and pay us a visit in Shanghai.

"WILLIAM P. ROBERTS.

"DOROTHY M. ROBERTS."

FORWARD IN SERVICE

The Rev. Frank Dean Gifford, D.D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Mamaroneck, N. Y., will present the "Plan of Action for 1945-46" at the Annual Clergy Conference on Wednesday, June 6th, at the Episcopal Academy. The Conference will begin at 10 A. M. and end before 3 o'clock. The clergy will be the guests of Bishop Hart at lunch. The part that laymen can play in developing the "Plan of Action" will be told by George E. Heerwagon, Chairman of the Episcopal Layman's League of the Bronx, and by Samuel S. Schmidt, Chairman of the Department of Promotion of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

In the evening, at 7:45 o'clock, there will be a conference for the laity—men and women—in the Parish House of Holy Trinity Church. The same men will speak. A special invitation is extended to all vestrymen and the officers of all diocesan and parish organizations.

The Rev. S. Tagart Steele, Jr., will be the Conductor of the Clergy Retreat at Holiday House, Sellersville, from Monday, September 17th, until Thursday, the 20th.

EPISCOPAL DAY A SUCCESS

The Episcopal Day, during the Educational Week for the Blind, was most successful. The committee served 857 luncheons and the total net receipts from all sources was \$1,084.49. Mrs. Slemons and I wish to thank everyone whose cooperation brought about such splendid results.

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To fill the gap left by the cancellation of the Advanced Conference at Sweet Briar, our Conference will offer a "Sweet Briar" Course for

clergy and the more experienced leaders of the Diocese. With two instead of one discussion leader for the courses in Old Testament, New Testament, Doctrine and Worship we expect to be able to get more discussion among the younger members with a large "Third Period" selection we feel that the Conference will prove to be very helpful to all the conferees. The afternoon and evening programs, too, will delight you, special evening meetings followed by games or a dance together with the recreation planned for the afternoons will add to the spirit of the group.

Plan now to go to Ursinus, it will be helpful to you and to your church.

OTHER CONFERENCES

Valley Forge

The eleventh consecutive yearly conference for young people, ages 14 to 28, will open June 24th at the Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne. The session extends to Saturday morning, June 30th. Circulars giving full information may be secured by inquiring at the Church House.

Sweet Briar

The provincial conference held for the past seven years at Sweet Briar College has had to be cancelled this year because permission to hold it was denied by the Office of Defense Transportation.

Shrine Mont

The annual Shrine Mont Seminar for clergy will be in session from July 16th to 27th under Bishop

Tucker as Honorary Dean.

Bishop McClelland, of Easton, Maryland, will give a five-lecture course on Rural Problems, and Bishop Wroth, of Erie, Pa., one on Parochial Problems.

Two ten-lecture courses on Bible Preaching, and The Christian Doctrine of Man and the Present Crisis of Faith and Culture will be given by the Very Rev. Dean Roach, of Bexely Hall, Ohio, and the Rev. Dr. Dunphy, of St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

WINNING FOLLOWERS

St. James' Church, Kingsessing, the Rev. James C. Gilbert, Rector, has sent to Bishop Hart a copy of a card recently circulated in the parish. It reads:

Dear Bishop Hart:

I am eager to be an Evangel. During the next year I shall endeavor to help one person to understand the Church and to become an active confirmed member of this parish.

Signed.....

Below a perforated line the same wording is printed, so that the signer may keep that portion, and the following prayer is printed:

MY PRAYER AS AN EVANGEL

"O God, my heavenly Father, I offer myself to Thee as an Evangel. Do Thou direct my heart and mind that I may do Thy will. Especially I remember before Thee:

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EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL NEWS

Bishop Hart presented diplomas to 72 senior students of the School of Nursing at the Commencement Service on May 16th at 8 o'clock in the Hospital Chapel. Lieutenant Colonel Edna B. Groppe, Assistant Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, was the Commencement speaker. Colonel Groppe is responsible for the placement of Senior Cadet Nurses in Army hospitals throughout the United States.

The Rev. L. C. Carpenter, who has been a Chaplain Intern in the Hospital for the last six months, visiting patients and ministering intensively to them, in training for the hospital chaplaincy, has recently been appointed Chaplain of Trenton State Hospital. Chaplain Carpenter participated in the training program for the first-year theological students, consulted with members of the staff, wrote regular notes on his visits, and shared in many respects the work of a Chaplain.

The Board of Managers has approved the plans for more semi-private rooms; with increased income and the extensive use of the Blue Cross plan, ward beds have only been used to sixty percent capacity. The plan to create more private rooms will in no way affect the Hos-

pital's ability to care for patients who require the care of the ward, but it will enable it to more fully serve the whole patient group.

Chaplain Morris was recently elected a member of the Commission on Religion and Health of the Federal Council of Churches. One of the purposes of this Commission is to encourage the development of the religious ministry in hospitals and to further understanding-working relationships between physicians and clergymen.

Mrs. Jessie Krumm recently completed three months' experimental work on Children's Ward, where she is known by the children as "the singing lady." Through music, stories and puppets she has helped the children overcome feelings of fear and bewilderment in the strange new hospital world and to be happy and contented in their illness.

The School of Nursing is now receiving applications for admission to the September class of nurses. Those who are interested may have more information about the opportunities in nursing by applying to Miss Dora Mathis, Director of the School of Nursing and the Nursing Service.

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The maids' quarters, a very important part of any hospital, are in need of furniture and mattresses. It would be a pleasure to receive your extra burdens, since Maytime and house cleaning often reveal what to us would be treasures. Please telephone Regent 5446.

Volunteers to aid and relieve the "overworked" nurses, by reading to and taking out on the grounds the children, whose gratitude will indeed reward you.

The Shop at the Hospital, a most attractive spot, offers a paid worker an immediate position, and last but not least, I appeal to all garden lovers to send plants suitable for the window boxes at the Harrison Home, a bright spot for the aged, who look at life through these windows, finding only the happiness which is provided for them by such acts of kindness.

For your ever generous and continued co-operation, our sincere appreciation. Communicate with:

MRS. J. HECTOR McNEAL,
220 S. 16th St., Phila. 2, Pa.

LETTERS FROM CHAPLAINS

Bishop Hart has received two letters from our own Chaplains who are overseas.

Hugh Fryer, now a Major, writes from "somewhere in India": "We had some splendid Easter services—the best services since I have been here. Last Sunday we held memorial services for the President, which were well attended."

Chaplain Matthew A. Curry, with the U. S. Fleet in the Pacific, wrote under date of April 10th: "As I sit here to write a few lines our turrets are blasting away for complete devastation of everything in sight. It sounds inhuman. . . . We stopped at Pearl Harbor and Saipan before reaching Iwo Jima, where our ship participated in action. . . . Divine services have an average attendance of about two hundred. There are

times when I have to substitute a few prayers and comforting comments over the ship's public address system. On Easter evening it was considered safe to celebrate the Holy Communion on the quarter-deck and, by using the same system, everyone was able to hear. When it was time to receive I passed the word and they came in single file on the starboard side and went back on the port side. Even the men on the watches had an opportunity to remember Easter Day. Life on board a ship for a Chaplain is really what he intends to make of it. I visit different sections of the ship each day, talking to the men and writing letters for those in the sick-bay. I am happy to be here because of the opportunity it affords for a needed service. Best wishes for all good things."

The Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital has compiled a card con-

taining helpful suggestions for those who may have occasion to visit sick persons. It is entitled "Is Any Sick Among You?"

The 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Robert P. Frazier was celebrated at St. Giles Church, Stonehurst, on the first Sunday after Easter. Dean Shreiner was the preacher. An illuminated resolution, signed by the whole parish, was presented to Mr. Frazier.

The meeting of the Synod of the Province of Washington, scheduled for this fall, has been canceled, in accordance with the ruling of the Office of Defense Transportation.

The Church of the Redeemer, Springfield, has complete payment of the mortgage, placed upon the church in 1929, for \$15,000. The 21st anniversary will be celebrated on May 27th.

CHILDREN

THE Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania, incorporated 62 years ago, is one of the largest agencies caring for homeless, neglected and destitute children deprived of the care of their own parents. County offices under the direction of local boards have been established in various counties.

Individual care is provided in carefully selected foster family homes, either with or without payment of board according to circumstances. The Society cares for children with due regard to their religious faith. Continued supervision is given with physical, mental and moral development and a happy, well adjusted childhood as the goal.

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Church, Gulph Mills, was made on Easter Day.

Mr. George S. Moore, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 57, at Epiphany Church, Sherwood, has recently taken the Scouts to Franklin Institute and the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania.

The Church of St. John the Baptist, Germantown, will be 90 years old on June 24th of this year.

Mr. James Carrigan, on April 1st, completed thirty-eight years of service as Verger of St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street, Philadelphia.

The Servicemen's Club of St. Stephen's Church opened its snack bar at 9.30 A. M. to supply breakfast for those who attended early service on Easter Day. A special service for members of the armed forces was held at 1 P. M. From 5.30 to 7.30 an Easter dinner, featuring turkey, was provided by women from the Church of the Holy Apostles and Mediator. Appropriate entertainment and dancing followed.

The Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations communicated with the Clergy, urging that collections of clothing be made in all parishes and missions in connection with the National Clothing Drive conducted in April.

May 13th marked the beginning of the one hundredth anniversary of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown. It will be continued until April 26, 1946, when there will be observed "Home-Coming Day." The anniversaries of the building of the church, the granting of the charter, and the consecration of the church will also be commemorated.

Mrs. William P. Roberts spoke at the May meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, speaking on China.

A Vacation Church School will be held at Trinity Church, Gulph Mills, from June 18th to July 6th.

Major Beleville, of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, recently had a twenty-minute audience with the Pope during a recent visit in Rome.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, followed a supper supplied by the women of the parish on Easter Monday. Tribute was paid to the Rev. George S. McKinley, who has been in charge for sixteen years, and to Mrs. McKinley, who has served as organist during the same time.

St. John's Church, Compass, through the efforts of the Women's Guild, has recently been renovated. The floor of the church was sanded and refinished; the floor of the vestry room and vestibule laid in tile; at a total cost of \$235.90.

The Rev. Kenneth Cameron has been substituting at St. Luke's Church, Kensington, during the illness of the Rector, the Rev. Gideon C. Montgomery, who has been a patient in the Episcopal Hospital.

The debt on the Parish House of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown, has been reduced to \$5,000.

Mrs. Theodora Eldredge Gurley, wife of the Rev. Richard H. Gurley, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Radnor, died on April 3rd after a long illness. Burial service was held in the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, on April 6th, with interment in the church yard. She is survived by her husband and three children: Elizabeth, Richard H., Jr., and Theodore.

The Rev. Arthur D. Appleton, Rector of Christ Church, 6th and Venango Streets, is Chairman of the Selective Service Board of his district.

Miss Helen Mixsell has become Secretary of the Church School of Trinity Church, Swarthmore.

The Rev. J. Hutchinson Hawkes is again taking services at St. John's Chrysostom Church, and assisting at St. George's Church, West End.

The Rev. Charles E. Tuke, Rector of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, recently participated in the 50th anniversary of St. Clement's Church, St. Paul, Minn., where he was formerly Rector.

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St. John's Settlement House, a diocesan institution in North Philadelphia, received a bequest of \$1,000 under the will of Miss Sallie Huston Greene, for work among the nearby colored population.

The late Mrs. John B. Parsons left \$10,000 to the Episcopal Hospital, \$5,000 to the Church of the Holy Trinity, and \$5,000 to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Katherine L. Jones made bequests in her will for the endowment of rooms at the Seamen's Church Institute and at the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children in memory of her late husband, Mr. William J. Jones.

CLERICAL CHANGES

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Gossling will begin his work there on July 1, 1945. Mr. Gossling is the Rector of the Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia.

The Rev. W. Warrin Fry, who was ordained Deacon in February, will become Curate at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, on June 1, 1945.

The Rev. William F. Lutz, Ph.D., has retired as Rector of Trinity Church, Ambler, and is living temporarily at 161 Gardner Street, Chattanooga 4, Tenn. The Rev. Theodore J. Schneider, Th.D., Vicar of Emmanuel Mission, Quakertown, has been appointed to Trinity Church, Ambler, and will begin his duties there on July 1st.

The Rev. Aaron Manderbach, Vicar of Trinity Mission, Collingdale, has been appointed Vicar of St. Faith's Mission, Brookline.

Mr. Jefferson Shiel, head of the department of mathematics at the Episcopal Academy from 1882 until 1930, died on May 6th. He was 85 years of age. Bishop Hart conducted the burial service in the school chapel.

The Rev. Charles M. Coldren, Chaplain in the United States Navy, has resigned as Rector of St. Na-

thanael's Church, Philadelphia, and his resignation has been accepted by the vestry.

The Rev. Robert H. Stetler has become Rector of St. Alban's Church, Roxborough, and has transferred to this Diocese. Mr. Stetler was formerly at Grace Church, North Girard, Pa.



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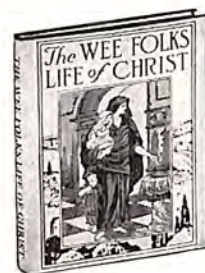
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